



AARA Updates



Tom Dischler W5OHJ Chairman for the Tour du Teche Canoe 135 reports that the race is still on the agenda for the weekend of Oct 1, 2, and 3, 2021. Most of the positions have been filled but if you are interested in taking part in this event, contact Tom at: tomdischler@gmail.com

Tour Du Teche 135 website:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/Tour%20du%20Teche/index.htm>

AARA FUN OUTING FIELD DAY

Held on Saturday September 11, 2021 was held on three locations.

1. Holly Beach in Cameron Parish operating BOTA (Beaches on the Air) by Chris Ancelet N5MCY.
2. Chicot State Park operating POTA (Parks on the Air) Chicot by Tom Dischler W5OHJ.
3. Church Point operating as a relay type station at the farm of Steve Weber AF5VR.

Barrett Oge KG5SSO operating from Chicot State Park made four contacts on 40 meters using his "YoYo" dipole antenna. Barrett reported that he and XYL had a good time with Tom W5OHJ & XYL Dee along with Glen Breaux KD5NVC & XYL Linda KE5HSY.



Barrett and XYL Brandy

YoYo Antenna

AARA OCTOBER 7th 2021 GENERAL MEETING
October 7th, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shoppe
109 Benoit Patin Rd,
Scott, LA 70583

Greetings Delta Members!

Hurricane Ida pushed ashore on the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. This was the most powerful storm to hit the LA and MS coasts in decades causing some serious destruction in her wake. I want to commend those of you who spent tireless hours the past days helping the response and recovery operations that are still ongoing. Amateur radio came through as the communications bulwark again as most commercial and public service systems failed or temporarily went dark. Several of you in LA and MS have spent days bringing the messages through and providing that lifesaving electronic link to the world. Hams save lives!

Yes, we do and to those of you in ARES/RACES or any of our served agency and NGO partners who have worked those hours and are still providing our valuable services, we thank you again. We will have a more detailed story coming out via these emails, the ARRL ARES Letter, QST and possibly CQ.

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DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING****October 7th, 2021 @ 7:00 PM****Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shoppe**109 Benoit Patin Rd,
Scott, LA 70583.**Local 2-Meter Nets****Monday****AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM**
146.820- PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA**Tuesday****Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net 7:00 PM**
147.040+ PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA**Wednesday****Silent Key Memorial Net 7:00 PM**
146.820- PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA**Thursday****Rag Chew Net 8:00 PM 443.000+**
5.000 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA**LOUISIANA TRAFFIC NET
MEET & GREET SOCIAL**

Our Louisiana Traffic Net Meet & Greet has been confirmed for Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Pavilion Number 1, at Chicot State Park -just outside of Ville Platte, La. Directions will be forth coming from North and South on I 49.

Tentatively, we will plan to meet at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. under the Pavilion. The Pavilion is right next to the kids Water Park... which will be closed at this time of the year. There are nice rest-rooms available within a short walk from the Pavilion. I do have a 24" fan to bring along with an extension cord. Feel free to do the same, even if its a box fan.

There are a couple picnic tables there, but plan to bring your chair with a back that will help make your stay for the day comfortable. I just don't know what the weather will be...but hoping for Fall weather.



*Proof of vaccination for Covid 19 and face mask may be required.

*Park admission is \$3.00 per person. Seniors over 60, children under 12 and Disabled Vets get free admission.

*Pavilion fee \$3.00

*Talk-in is 146.550 simplex.

*Pavilion with power

*Limited open WI-Fi available.

Bring an HT or your vehicle 2 meter to have a talk in if need be. But, I am not familiar with the area repeaters.

Food - Jim will set up what we will need to bring. A grill or BBQ pit to cook on, along with charcoal will be needed. Tina and I will provide two ice chests of ice for cold drinks to put in, along with an ice chest of clean ice to use for your soft drinks. Tina and I will also bring Solo cups, plates, napkins (paper towels) and utensils for everyone. to use.

This information will change as time gets closer.....As of 9/12/2021. Check your e-mail and the LTN for updates and more information as the above information is not final at this time.

The Louisiana Traffic Net meets daily on 3910 KHz at 1800 hours Central time each evening.

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OZONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

**Slidell EOC HamFest, ARRL Louisiana State Convention
&
W9DYV Amateur Radio Symposium
October 8-9, 2021**



sponsored by the Ozone Amateur Radio Club

Friday October 8th. 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday Oct 9th. 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Friday: Vendor setup 8:00 am to 2:00 pm (Enter rear doors on old fire house side) Flea Market setup 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (Enter rear doors on old fire house side) Doors open to public at 2:00 pm and close at 5:00 pm (Enter though Lobby doors)

Website: <http://www.w5sla.net/hamfest-2021.htm>

September 2021 VE Test Session Results



The September 2nd AARA General Meeting did not have anyone showing up for a test session. This makes the third meeting without anyone wanted to be tested.

If you desire to take a test, contact Greg K5LFT at:

k5lft@lusfiber.net

73 de Greg K5LFT.

Testing takes place each first Thursday of the month at the AARA General Meeting at 6:00 PM.

Rules and what you need to bring to a VE Test Session can be found here:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/VE%20Exams.htm>



AARA 2022 Rayne Hamfest

2022 AARA Hamfest Chairperson, Brandon Stelly KG5LQM, has confirmed availability of the Rayne Civic Center for March 10-13 2022. Anyone who know of a possible vendor to please email Brandon at:

hamfest@w5ddl.org

ARRL Board Establishes Program to Cover Initial FCC License Fee for Young Applicants

The ARRL Board of Directors has formally endorsed a proposed program calling on ARRL to cover the \$35 application fee for license candidates younger than 18 years old. The FCC is not expected to implement the \$35 application fee schedule until sometime in 2022. The Board approved the "Youth Licensing Grant Program" at its July meeting in Hartford, Connecticut. The program concept, first raised at the Board's annual meeting in January, was reviewed by an ad-hoc committee, which expanded the scope of the original motion by ARRL Southeastern Division Director Mickey Baker, N4MB.

Goals of the Program include expanding the reservoir of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts within the amateur radio community, and removing a financial obstacle to young people who wish to acquire an amateur radio license, as a means of encouraging potential careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Under the program, ARRL would cover a one-time \$35 application fee for each qualified candidate who passes one or more amateur radio exams taken on the same day at a single examination session. Tests would have to be administered by a Volunteer Examiner (VE) team working under the auspices of the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC). Qualified candidates also would pay a reduced exam session fee of \$5 to the ARRL VEC.

The new program also would "enhance ARRL's position as the leader in volunteer testing," the Board motion said. "The Board believes that the recruitment and training of young amateur radio operators is a necessary and proper mission of the ARRL, and that subsidization of the \$35 fee will reduce the number of new amateurs that otherwise would be lost from these groups," the Board said.

The Board said ARRL Headquarters staff would determine the method of qualifying applicants and instruct VE teams, giving the teams flexibility to determine that a candidate is eligible for reimbursement in the absence of documented proof. The Board envisioned that the VEC would pay the FCC directly. The new program initially would serve up to 1,000 new license applicants younger than 18 years old.

The motion gave ARRL staff "complete latitude" to determine how payment is delivered to the FCC or to reimburse eligible applicants. This program length is indefinite; it may be renewed or terminated by the Administration and Finance Committee or by the Board of Directors. The motion carried with applause from Board members.



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THE REAL HEROS

The AARA would like to make a “**Shout Out**” to all the linemen out there...our first responders...from Louisiana and surrounding states working so hard to get us back up and running!!! They have been working overtime, sleeping in their vehicles, eating cold food and being away from family for long periods of time. We appreciate your service and dedication. God bless you, and be safe!!!!



A few useful websites for amateur operators.

by Derek Meche WM5TS

We all enjoy the convenience of the internet when looking for information. Despite what some may think, the internet is not the end of amateur radio. It did change our environment some, but I feel we are still going strong. More about that in a future article. Here are a few websites you can use when operating to enhance your experience.

Who is on? Some days, or nights, you may be bound and determined to catch one of your missing DX regions. A good web site to see who is on is <https://www.dxwatch.com/>. Here you can see if that country or island you are missing has been heard by other operators. The station listed to the left is the reporting station, de. The one to the right is the dx station. Check to see if any US or 5 station reported hearing them and you get a good idea of propagation to that region.

Can I reach them? Another good site is <https://pskreporter.info/pskmap.html>. I really like this site! Even if you want to work that DX region on voice you can go digital at the start and send out a few CQ calls to see if you are making it to there. The site reports all common digital modes including FT8. Just make a calls before going to the website. Wait about a minute then go to the site. While there, put in your call sign and the stations that are on will report hearing your call. In FLDigi there is a button at the top right, TxID that you have to click for this to work and in FT8 it is automatic. While not fool proof it does give you an idea of conditions to that area of the globe. If you can't reach the area on digital then you can judge for yourself if you want to try a voice contact.

What is that contest? Some of the best ways to score a DX station is to jump into a contest and help them out. The site <https://www.contestcalendar.com/> will tell you the contest name and time it is occurring. Click on the name of the contest and it gives you the exchange expected. That way you are ready when the contest calls out your call sign.

Certainly there is no substitute for just sitting back, turning that big dial, and being surprised as to what you hear. There are many nights I love doing just that. These sites are for the times you want just a little bit of an edge in those contest or to get that rare DX region. That way, you can spend the rest of the night listening or calling CQ knowing that at least one more new DX station is in the log book. Happy DX'ing everyone!

The Greater New Orleans Ham Fest

W5CCG November 13, 2021 – 8:AM - 1:00 PM

Sponsored by
Crescent City
Amateur Radio
Group, Inc.

VFW Hall

1133 Hickory Ave. Harahan, LA. 70123

FREE Tables - FREE Tailgating - FREE Parking

We will Raffle off over 25 Radios and other items!

VE Exam Session Starts at 08:30 - ARRL, ARES & DMR FORUMS

Any who wants to reserve a table, contact Eric at AF5JG@outlook.com or Steve at n5wxc@hotmail.com or myself Joe at Joen5ozg@hotmail.com or call me at 504-288-7084.

What's the frequency?

West Monroe ham radio operator provides assistance for those affected by Hurricane Ida

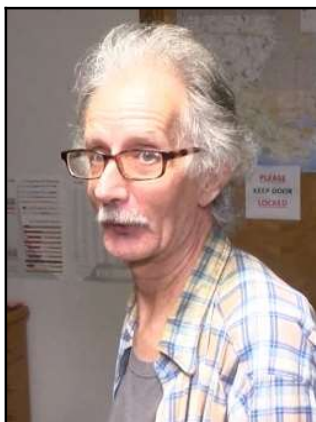
Inside the Ouachita Parish Fire Department, in West Monroe, you'll find Duffy Frantom speaking into a radio.

"If anybody knows if South Louisiana – if we have any buses from St. John's Parish to Ouachita Parish."

While New Orleans and surrounding areas begin recovery efforts, many from that region will call our area home for the next few days or weeks. Trying to contact loved ones back home? That's next to impossible, with cell service, nearly non-existent.

"You might see an AT&T portable tower, which is the cell phone tower," says Frantom. "But, you can't get into it because it's programmed for public service people only, so they can use it."

Since 1999, Frantom has served as the District Emergency Coordinator for the American Radio Emergency Services (ARES) for Region 8. He's been the voice of information for those who need it. His resume includes assisting those during Hurricane Katrina. Now, he's bringing ham radio to shelters in the region, connecting those who've evacuated back home.



Duffy Frantom
KD5IGZ

"We don't let them talk direct," says Frantom. "We will let them write it down on a piece of paper, what we call a 'traffic ship' – what they want to tell them. Who it's going to."

And, after that?

"They'll let everybody know in the shelter that if you needed to get a message to your family or someone, go to this person. This is where they're at in the shelter."



Due to rising COVID-19 cases in Louisiana, ham radio operators won't visit shelters, until Tuesday. But, until then?

"Let the shelter manager or police officer know that you've got a message and they will get a hold of us."

Posted: Aug 30, 2021 / 05:27 PM CDT / Updated: Aug 30, 2021 / 05:32 PM CDT

<https://www.myarklamiss.com/top-stories-2/whats-the-frequency-ham-radio-operators-provide-assistance-for-those-affected-by-hurricane-ida/>



CQ CQ CQ
This is W6XRL4....
Herman....over

Louisiana ARES Returning to Normal Status in Storm-Affected Parishes

Reprinted from "The ARRL Letter for September 9, 2021"

Louisiana ARES Section Emergency Coordinator James Coleman, AI5B, said this week that ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) teams in his Section "should now be on normal status, with the affected parishes' status as appropriate for local conditions." Emergency Coordinators in some hard-hit parishes have activated volunteers for relief and recovery operations. More than 30 parishes were affected by the storm, although cell telephone outages in the affected area now stand at 3.7% as of September 8 and recovering rapidly. All 911 systems were reported operational as of September 8.



The Louisiana ARES Emergency Net is now on standby. "If it becomes necessary, the net will be active from 2 PM to 6 PM CDT on 7.255 MHz, and from 6 PM to 10 PM CDT on 3.878 MHz," Coleman's report said. The Louisiana Traffic Net is operating 7 days a week at 6 PM CDT on 3.910 MHz.

ARRL Headquarters shipped Ham Aid kits to Louisiana Region 3 for use during recovery efforts. Region 3 District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) Miriam Barrett, KG5BNH, and St. Mary Parish's Emergency Coordinator Jacki Price, KA5LMZ, have coordinated their

efforts to assist the Council on Aging in Terrebonne Parish. The Ham Aid kits include equipment for HF, VHF, and UHF, including handheld transceivers and "base-station antennas

The W5RAR VHF repeater (146.805 MHz) was in use over a four-parish area -- La Fourche, St. Charles, St. John, and Terrebonne -- that suffered significant wireless system damage as well as a 911 system outage in St. John Parish. The St. Charles Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was transmitting requests via the Livingston Wide Area Repeater Network (LWARN) 440 MHz linked repeater system to WB5LHS.

A communications team in support of Florida Baptist Disaster Relief established operations in a communications trailer at the Metairie Baptist Church. The Jefferson Parish Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with DEC Nick Frederick, W4NDF, and the City of Kenner EOC with Mary Vernoy, WB5IOE, assisting maintained a VHF net. Kenner's fiber optic cable that provided internet was cut by Entergy so it could access one of its lines for repair. That left "two erratic cellphones and a VHF net" as the only communications Kenner had with Jefferson Parish. Vernoy had to climb onto the roof of the EOC to pick up the



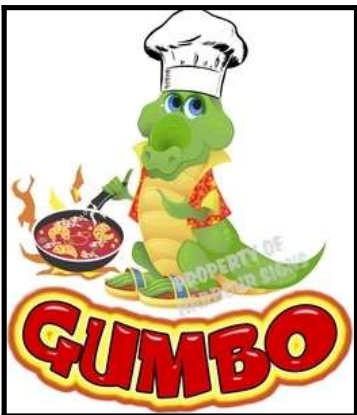
2-meter antenna that had been knocked down by the wind. She was cheered by the arrival of the Baptist team from Florida.

Gordon Gibby, KX4Z, reported that Metairie was hard-hit, with power outages and boil water notices, although the areas around hospitals have had power restored. "Hams can be a big benefit by partnering with organizations like Florida Baptist and work to meet their specific communications needs," said Gibby, who has connections with the Florida group that drove from Florida to help out. He said hams were embedded within the volunteer organization.

A report from Tangipahoa Parish said that as weather conditions deteriorated on August 29 -- the day Hurricane Ida made landfall -- local repeaters lost power and went on battery backup. Two repeaters were lost when a tower collapsed. Formal weather nets were not conducted to conserve power for emergency transmissions only. As of September 6, both the WB5NET and W5TEO repeaters remained on battery backup power and conserving power.

Read an [expanded version](#).

-- Thanks to Louisiana ARES Section Emergency Coordinator James Coleman, AI5B



National Gumbo Day is October 12th. It's a great opportunity, to enjoy a little Louisiana Cajun cooking. It is easy to participate in this special day. Simply eat some Gumbo. For those of us in the south, that is easy, as Gumbo is on almost all restaurant menus. You can't walk into a restaurant in New Orleans, that does not offer it. For Northerners, it may take a little research, to find restaurants in your area that serve Gumbo. Or, you may want to look a Gumbo recipe online, and make it yourself.

Gumbo is a thick stew, with chicken, beef, or seafood. It is heavily seasoned with Cajun spices. And, it absolutely must contain Okra.

Did You Know? Gumbo is the African word for Okra.

To celebrate National Gumbo Day, just have a dish of it. The day is extra special, if you make it yourself.

Have a happy National Gumbo Day.

SEPTEMBER 2021 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net Monday 7:00 PM - 146.820	4	55	Ø	155	KD5JSM Danny
Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net Tuesday 7:00 PM - 147.040	4	52	Ø	198	KN5GRK Herman
Silent Key Memorial Net Wednesday 7:00 PM - 146.820	5	51	Ø	107	KD5JSM Danny
Rag Chew Net Thursday 8:00 PM - 433.000	4	21	Ø	170	KD5JSM Danny

“Don't waste your time with explanations: people only hear what they want to hear.”

— Paulo Coelho

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Danny Daigle KD5JSM is the AARA Monday Night Net Manager and he is in charge of scheduling the Net Control Operators. Each Monday will have a rotating NCS as listed below. Here is the October 2021 rotation:

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:	NCS
10/04	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5	Danny KD5JSM
10/11	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5	Paul N5KNY
10/18	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5	Barrett KG5SSO
10/25	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5	Brandon KG5LQM

Check into the Region 4 ARES / SkyWarn net on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM on the 147.040 Dusen repeater. **The 145.370 SkyWarn repeater is temporary off the air at this time.**

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5

The October 2021 repeater schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

10/01	N5RLZ	RAY
10/04	KI5DHH	DAVID
10/04	K5LFT	GREG
10/05	W5OHJ	TOM
10/10	KN5GRK	HERMAN
10/13	KX5J	LEE
10/17	KF5FYS	KENDRA
10/18	WM5TS	DEREK
10/25	KI5MYM	DEAN
10/26	N/A	YVONNE
10/27	K5ARS	WILTON
11/03	KG5YYL	KEN
11/03	K5VSH	PAUL
11/04	KE5RPL	JOANN

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

Our hobby in a nutshell:



**SUBMIT
AN ARTICLE**

You don't need to write like William "Bill" Shakespeare in order to write an article for the **LARC Newsletter**. In fact, we prefer articles without the words "Thy", "Whilst", "Tis" and "Oft".



Do you have an idea for a newsletter article? Maybe you have acquired a new piece of equipment, designed or constructed a new antenna, took a trip focused around ham radio, want to share an amateur radio related experience or discuss a technical topic. Why not write an article for the monthly **LARC** newsletter? The article can be short or long, simple or elaborate, and can even include pictures!

The **LARC** newsletter relies on articles from our members. So why not give it try? Write an article and send it to the newsletter editor. It's fun, and at the same time, your contribution helps support our club and hobby!

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**COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE**



Old Fashioned Banana Pudding

Ingredients:

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 or 5 ripe bananas, sliced thin (cover with plastic wrap or sprinkle with lemon juice to keep them from turning brown)

1 box vanilla wafers
1 teaspoon Vanilla extract
1 tablespoon Butter (not margarine)
4 Egg yolks (Large eggs or better)
2 cups milk (NOT skim)

Meringue:

4 egg whites, room temperature
5 tablespoons sugar
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 375°F. Line the bottom of a 9×9-inch pan with a layer of vanilla wafers.

Combine sugar, flour and salt in a bowl, and mix well. Set aside.

In a heavy saucepan, beat the egg yolks well. Over medium heat, add the flour mixture to the egg yolks, alternately with the milk and vanilla, stirring constantly. Bring to a gentle boil and, when the mixture begins to thicken, add the butter, continuing to stir. Keep boiling and stirring until mixture reaches a nice pudding consistency. Make sure you don't scorch the pudding. Remove from heat.

Place a layer of banana slices on top of the vanilla wafers. Pour half of the pudding over the banana layer. Put down another layer of vanilla wafers, another layer of banana slices, and cover with the remaining pudding.

Beat the egg whites at high speed until they form soft peaks. Add the cream of tartar. At high speed, gradually add the sugar, a tablespoon at a time, and beat until stiff peaks form. Fold the vanilla into the meringue, and spread the meringue over the pudding, sealing it at the sides of the dish.



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

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445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554